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St. James's, November 23.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to hold a Chapter of the most Noble Order of the Garter, to which the Knights Companions in and near London were summoned, seven of them habited in their Mantles, waited in the Apartment next the Closet for His Majesty's coming; and upon His Majesty's Appearance, robed likewise in the Mantle of the Order, Garter Principal King of Arms, by the Sovereign's Command, called over the Names of the Knights present, beginning with the Juniors, and then a Procession was made from thence to the Council-Chamber in the following Order, wherein the Juniors went first, and those Knights whose Companions were absent went single, viz.

Earl of Lincoln.

The Earl of Sunderland on the Left Hand, and the Duke of Kingston, together.

Duke of Newcastle.

Duke of Bolton.

Duke of Kent on the Left Hand, and the Duke of Argyll, together.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod on the Left Hand, and Garter King of Arms, together, in their Mantles and respective Badges of their Offices.

The SOVEREIGN.

Having thus entred into the Chapter-Room, the Knights stood behind their several Chairs, placed according to the Situation of their respective Stalls in the Royal Chapel of Windsor, till the Sovereign had seated himself in a Chair of State. When the Knights Companions had seated themselves by His Majesty's Leave, Garter King of Arms with Reverence acquainted the Sovereign, that the Bishop of Salisbury attended at the Door, and humbly besought His Majesty that he might be admitted to the Office of Chancellour of this most Noble Order; and His Majesty being pleased to command that the Lord Bishop should be introduced into the Chapter, accordingly his Lordship being at the Door in his Episcopal Habit, was introduced between Garter on his Lordship's Right Hand, and the Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod on the Left, bearing the Mantle and Badge belonging to the Chancellour, who proceeded up with Reverences towards His Majesty seated in the Chair of State, where his Lordship was invested with the Mantle by the Black Rod, and his Lordship kneeling down, the Sovereign put the Badge of the Office of Chancellour about his Neck, who continuing kneeling, the Oath of that Office was upon His Majesty's Command read to the Chancellour by Garter, the Black Rod holding the Gospels; and the Chancellour having kissed His Majesty's Hand, and being congratulated by the Knight's Companions, Garter by the Sovereign's Command called over the Names of the Knights Companions in the former Order, and then the Procession was made back to the Apartment next to His Majesty's Closet in the same Manner, save that the Lord Bishop of Salisbury went in his proper Place as Chancellour.

Madrid, Nov. 10. On the 4th Instant their Catholick Majesties with the Royal Family returned hither from the Escurial, in good Health: On which Occasion a Firework was let off in the Square before the Palace, and Illuminations were made throughout the Town that Night and the two following. On the 8th Sig. Aldobrandini the Pope's Nuncio, had his first publick Audience of the King: He rode to the Palace on Horseback, attended by his Retinue and Servants, and followed by a Train of his own Coaches and others of the foreign Ministers, and was accompanied by Don Gaspar Giron the Mayor-Domo for the Week, and conducted to his Audience by the Conde de Villa-Franca Introductor of Ambassadours. The same Day the Marquess de los Balbaces was vested with the Dignity of a Grandee of Spain in the King's Presence. This Evening the Infanta Queen of Spain was baptized by the Pope's Nuncio, their Catholick Majesties with the Court assisting at the Ceremony. Their Majesties have not yet fixed the Day for their setting out from hence with the Infanta for Burgos; in the mean time the Persons belonging to the Court who are to attend them are all named, and great Diligence used in the necessary Preparations for that Journey.

Whitehall, Nov. 25, 1721.

Sig. Fiorelli, residing here as Secretary of the Republick of Venice, has notified by Order of that State, that during the present Apprehension of the Plague, all British Subjects trading to the Venetian Dominions, are required to send with all Goods exported from Great Britain, and carried by Sea or Land to the said Venetian Dominions, Authentick Certificates of Health, specifying the Quality of all such Goods, the Marks and Numbers of Bales, and particularly that the same are of the Product or Manufacture of Great Britain, and were packed up in the Port or Place mentioned in the Certificates: In Default of which, the Ships and Goods will be put under Quarantain. And all British Subjects who would go into the Venetian Dominions by Sea or Land, are likewise required to take with them Certificates of Health; otherwise they will be obliged to perform Quarantain. Of which this pubick Notice is given, that all His Majesty's Subjects whom it may concern, may conform themselves to the Rules prescribed.

CARTERET.

Application having been made to the Royal Academy of Musick, for Tickets intitling the Bearers to the Liberty of the House for this Season: The Academy agree to give out Tickets to such as shall subscribe on the Conditions following, viz. That each Subscriber, on the Delivery of his Ticket, pay 10 Guineas: That on the 1st of February next ensuing the Date of these presents, such Subscriber pay the further Sum of 5 Guineas: And likewise the Sum of 5 Guineas upon the 1st Day of May following. And whereas the Academy propose the Acting of 50 Operas this Season, they do oblige themselves to allow a Deduction proportionably, in case fewer Operas be performed than that Number. N. B. The Instrument lies open at White's Chocolate House for Subscribers to Sign on the foregoing Terms; as also another at the Opera Office every Opera Night.

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